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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - JANUARY 6.

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE, FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR JANUARY 6,
1977:

Q. THERE ARE PUBLISHED REPORTS TODAY THAT ISRAEL HAS BEEN
SELLING EQUIPMENT TO GREECE AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE
SOPHISTICATED ELECTRONIC AREA. I THINK THE UNITED STATES
HAS REFUSED TO SELL AND THAT THERE IS SOME CONCERN IN THE
AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION OVER THIS. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING
ON IT?

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A. AS FAR AS THE REPORT ABOUT THE SALE TO GREECE, I DO NOT
HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT, BUT WE ARE CHECKING INTO IT. WE
ARE AWARE THAT ISRAEL EXPORTS SOME OF THE PRODUCTS OF ITS
DEFENSE INDUSTRIES BUT WE ARE NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED. THE
ONLY TIME WE GET INVOLVED IS WHEN ISRAEL WANTS TO EXPORT
AN ITEM IN QUESTION WHICH INVOLVES COMPONENTS OR TECHNOLOGY
RECEIVED UNDER OUR FOREIGN MILITARY SALES OR EXPORT LICENSE
FROM US. IN SUCH CASES, THE USUAL PROVISIONS ARE MADE RE-
QUIRING OUR APPROVAL FOR THE THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS.

WITHOUT GOING INTO ANY SPECIFIC CASES, I CAN SAY THAT WE
ARE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ISRAEL IN SOME SUCH CASES.

Q. YOU CAN SAY THAT YOU ARE IN DISCUSSIONS?

A. YES.

Q. ARE THE DISCUSSIONS TAKING PLACE HERE?

A. THEY ARE IN DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

Q. YOU ARE SAYING THAT NO PERMISSION FOR ANY SUCH DELI-
VERIES HAVE YET BEEN GRANTED?

A. YOU MEAN IN A GENERAL SENSE?

Q. YES. IN OTHER WORDS, IF THE DISCUSSIONS ARE GOING ON, ARE YOU THEN SAYING THAT NO U.S. EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN RE-EXPORTED FROM ISRAEL SO FAR?

A. TO GREECE, FOR EXAMPLE?

Q. YES.

A. THAT IS CORRECT.

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Q. DO YOU MEAN BY DISCUSSIONS THAT ISRAEL HAS EXPORTED MATERIAL THAT NEEDED A U.S. APPROVAL AND DIDN'T GET IT?

A. NO. I MEAN IN THE GENERAL CONTEXT OF WHAT I JUST SAID -- IN A GENERAL SENSE.

Q. IS IT FAIR TO SAY THEY ARE SEEKING PERMISSION TO EXPORT SOMETHING, OR IS IT EX POST FACTO?

A. IF WE ARE HAVING DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF SHIPPING ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE OUR APPROVAL, I THINK IT IS FAIR TO ASSUME THAT THAT IS WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT.

Q. THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF ITEMS HERE. CAN I GO BACK AND TRY TO CLARIFY THIS. ONE IS ITEMS MADE IN THE UNITED STATES, SENT TO ISRAEL. THE QUESTION ARISES WHETHER ISRAEL HAS RE-EXPORTED THEM WITH OR WITHOUT PERMISSION. THE SECOND THING IS ITEMS MADE IN ISRAEL UNDER LICENSING, AND THE LICENSING HAS SOME CONTROL SAYING THAT ANYTHING MADE UNDER THIS LICENSING CANNOT BE SENT TO THIRD PARTIES WITHOUT PERMISSION.

A. THAT IS WHAT I SAID IN MY ANSWER. I REFERRED TO COMPONENTS OR TECHNOLOGY RECEIVED UNDER FOREIGN MILITARY SALES OR EXPORT LICENSE FROM THE UNITED STATES.

Q. SO YOU ARE SAYING IN BOTH CATEGORIES WE HAVE NO INFORMATION OF THE ISRAELIS HAVING SENT ANYTHING OUTSIDE OF ISRAEL TO THIRD PARTIES?

A. NO. I THINK JIM WAS REFERRING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE TO THE STORY ABOUT GREECE.

Q. I AM ASKING A GENERAL QUESTION.

A. I SAID THAT WITHOUT GOING INTO ANY SPECIFICS THAT WE UNCLASSIFIED

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ARE IN DISCUSSION WITH ISRAEL IN SOME CASES.

Q. LET ME ASK YOU, THOUGH, IN THE FIRST CATEGORY OF THINGS MADE IN THIS COUNTRY, SENT TO ISRAEL, DO WE HAVE ANY INFORMATION THAT ISRAEL HAS RE-EXPORTED TO THIRD PARTIES ITEMS WHICH WE DID NOT INTEND TO GO TO THOSE THIRD PARTIES?

A. I DO NOT HAVE THAT KIND OF SPECIFIC --

Q. CAN YOU GET A SPECIFIC ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION, YES OR NO?

A. LET ME SEE IF I CAN GET MORE INFORMATION.

Q. ON THE SECOND CATEGORY, THEN, DO WE HAVE ANY INFORMATION OF ISRAEL EXPORTING ITEMS MADE IN ISRAEL UNDER WHAT WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO BE --

A. IN EITHER CASE, I DO NOT HAVE MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION.

Q. WELL, THOSE ARE THE QUESTIONS. CAN YOU TRY TO GET ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS ON BOTH CATEGORIES?

A. I WILL TRY.

Q. BOB, YOU SAID IT IS FAIR TO ASSUME THAT THAT IS WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT, I THINK, IN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION, ARE THEY SEEKING PERMISSION TO SELL SOME OF THIS STUFF OR EXPORT IT TO THIRD COUNTRIES.

A. RIGHT.

Q. THAT IS WHAT YOU MEAN TO SAY?

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A. YES.

Q. THEY ARE SEEKING PERMISSION?

A. YES.

Q. IN WHAT CATEGORIES?

A. I DO NOT HAVE THE CATEGORIES.

Q. SO IT IS NOT SO MUCH A POLICING OF ANYTHING, IS IT? IT IS A FACT THAT ISRAEL WANTS TO DO SOMETHING AND HAS

COME TO THE UNITED STATES AND ASKED IF IT IS ALL RIGHT. IS IT AS ACADEMIC AND AS SWEET AS THAT, OR IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE YOU ARE TRYING TO SAY?

A. I AM JUST NOT ABLE TO BECOME THAT SPECIFIC. WE ARE DISCUSSING THE GENERAL QUESTION.

Q. BUT ARE THEY SEEKING YOUR PERMISSION, OR IS IT THAT THEY HAVE DONE SOMETHING, OR MAY BE ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING THAT YOU THINK IS NASTY AND ILLEGAL, AND YOU HAVE TAKEN IT UP WITH THEM? WHICH CATEGORY IS IT?

A. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, ON GREECE, I DID NOT KNOW ABOUT THAT THIS MORNING AND I THINK WE ARE CHECKING INTO THIS REPORT WHICH WAS CONTAINED IN THE PRESS REPORT.

Q. BOB, JUST AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION, THIS THIRD COUNTRY BUSINESS, DOES THAT ALWAYS MEAN ALL THIRD COUNTRIES?

A. ANY THIRD COUNTRY.

Q. THE PROHIBITION IS ON ANY THIRD COUNTRY, EVEN IF IT IS HALF WAY AROUND THE WORLD AND HAS NO IMPACT ON THE UNCLASSIFIED

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REGION AT ALL.

A. ANY THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFER.

Q. OKAY.

Q. WHO INITIATED THAT DISCUSSION THAT YOU ARE HAVING NOW?

A. I DO NOT KNOW.

Q. HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN GOING ON?

Q. YOU SAID "IN DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS", WHICH DIDN'T ANSWER THE ORIGINAL QUESTION OF WHETHER IT WAS GOING ON HERE. IS IT GOING ON IN DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS HERE OR DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS IN TEL AVIV OR JERUSALEM OR SOMEWHERE?

A. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER IT IS LIMITED TO ONE OR THE OTHER, AND THAT IS WHY I LEFT IT GENERAL. I WOULD ASSUME IT IS IN BOTH, BUT I AM NOT SURE.

Q. BOB, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE THIS KIND OF INFORMATION, BUT CAN YOU GIVE US SOME GENERAL IDEA HOW--WHAT AM I TRYING TO SAY -- HOW MANY INSTANCES, OR HOW GENERAL IS VIOLATION OF THE THIRD COUNTRY CLAUSE? IN OTHER WORDS, IS IT 100 PERCENT ABIDED BY, OR HAVE THERE BEEN MANY OR A

FEW CASES?

A. THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW INSTANCES, I THINK, IN THE PAST,
BUT GENERALLY I THINK IT IS ABIDED BY.

Q. THOSE FEW INSTANCES, HAVE THEY EVER INVOLVED ISRAEL?

A. I DO NOT KNOW.

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Q. YOU DON'T KNOW THAT?

A. NO, I WOULD HAVE TO CHECK.

Q. BUT DO YOU KNOW IF THEY HAVE EVER INVOLVED THE ARAB
COUNTRIES THAT ISRAEL IS --?

A. I JUST DO NOT RECALL ANY SPECIFIC COUNTRIES. BUT I
DO RECALL IN GENERAL READING ABOUT CASES IN WHICH WE
RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS.

Q. BUT YOU DON'T KNOW IF THE ARABS HAVE VIOLATED IT OR
NOT VIOLATED IT.

A. NO, I DO NOT HAVE ANY SPECIFIC COUNTRY --.

A. BOB, WHEN YOU CHECK INTO THIS GREEK QUESTION, SPECI-
FICALLY, AT LEAST FOR MY PURPOSES, THE GREEK FOREIGN
MINISTER IS QUOTED --

A. DEFENSE MINISTER, I BELIEVE.

Q. DEFENSE MINISTER -- IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT ISRAEL
HAS SOLD THEM EQUIPMENT, APPARENTLY MILITARY, AMERICAN
MILITARY EQUIPMENT PREVIOUSLY OBTAINED BY GREECE, THAT
THE UNITED STATES NOW REFUSES TO SELL TO GREECE. SO, I
WANT, MYSELF, TO HAVE A SPECIFIC COMMENT ON THAT IF YOU
CAN GET ONE.

A. ON THE GENERAL QUESTION OF GREECE, WE HAVE AN ON-
GOING MILITARY RELATIONSHIP WITH GREECE, WE HAVE APPROVED
LICENSES AND WE HAVE, I AM SURE, DENIED SOME LICENSES.

Q. I UNDERSTAND, BUT I SAY THE GREEK DEFENSE MINISTER
NOW SAYS HE IS HAVING TO GO TO ISRAEL.

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A. HE IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT AN THAT IS WHAT WE ARE
CHECKING INTO.

Q. BOB, ARE THESE DISCUSSIONS THAT ARE GOING ON WITH ISRAEL NOW THE FIRST SUCH DISCUSSIONS WITH ISRAEL? IS THIS A NEW THING, OR DOES THIS HAPPEN ALL THE TIME?

A. I WOULD HAVE TO CHECK THAT. I WOULD NOT THINK IT WOULD BE THE FIRST, NO.

Q. WELL, THE QUESTION CAME UP HERE ONLY VERY RECENTLY IN TERMS OF WHAT WAS BEING TURNED OVER TO FORCES IN LEBANON. WAS THERE ANY INQUIRY OR DISCUSSION INITIATED AT THAT TIME?

A. I DO NOT KNOW. I WOULD HAVE TO CHECK WHAT OUR ANSWER WAS AT THAT TIME.

Q. WOULD THE THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFER APPLY ALSO TO EQUIPMENT WHICH AS WRITTEN IN THAT STORY HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY MODIFIED -- BASICALLY AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY WHICH HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY MODIFIED BY ISRAEL AND SOLD AS ISRAELI EQUIPMENT?

A. I AM NOT PREPARED TO -- I AM NOT QUALIFIED TO MAKE THAT KIND OF A JUDGMENT. BUT, IN THE GENERAL SENSE, THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT THERE BE NO THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY OR COMPONENTS RECEIVED UNLESS PERMISSION IS RECEIVED.

Q. BOB, WHAT IS THE STATUS OF ISRAEL'S REQUEST THAT IT BE ABLE TO PRODUCE SOME PARTS FOR F-16'S IN ISRAEL?

A. I DO NOT THINK THERE IS ANY CHANGE ON THE STATUS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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THE GENERAL REQUEST FOR F-16'S. IT IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION. I THINK WE HAVE INDICATED WE DIDN'T EXPECT A DECISION TO BE MADE BY JANUARY 20.

Q. OK. THANKS, BOB.
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